

Remarks

Currently Claims 1-17 and 20 are pending. Claims 1, 4-8 and 16-17 are amended herein. Claims 1, 7 and 16 are amended to correct inadvertent clerical errors. Claims 4-6, 8 and 17 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies for the purpose of reducing claim fees. Claim 16 is further amended to remove parenthetical expressions. The amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims and no new matter is added.

New claim 20 is added. Support for this claim can be found in Applicants' original specification, including at original claims 18-19 and page 17, line 34 through page 18, line 6.

The specification has been amended to recite cross-references to related applications and to provide an abstract on a separate page.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (919) 483-8222, to discuss this case, if desired.

Respectfully submitted,



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